



Friends of the Topsfield Town Library

March 2016 Newsletter

A Letter from the President

It's been a while since my last "Letter from the President" but I wanted to reach out to you to make you aware of the recent state budget proposal that further cuts state funding to libraries. This proposed state budget would put resource sharing and other programs at risk.

Since 2001, funding for the four line items supporting Resource Sharing have been cut by 30% in total. To put the issue in a local perspective, the Topsfield Town Library receives 4 - 7 totes a day, 5 days a week, from the delivery system for materials patrons ordered from all over the state. Usually patrons only wait a few days to get their materials. The Topsfield Town Library does not pay anything extra in its operating budget to access these materials. Delivery is paid at the state level and this is only one of the programs at risk.

Libraries are only 0.07% of the state budget. Please take a moment to go to <http://cqrcengage.com/alama/> and click on the "take action" button. This will take you to a page to add your contact information which will send an email to Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn

Dates to Remember

March 3 - Paint Party

March 7 - Early Release Craft (4th-6th graders only)

March 14 - Homework Club (4th-6th graders only)

March 17 - Topsfield Town Library Book Club "The Circle"

March 19 - Easter Egg Hunt

March 21 - Homework Club (4th-6th graders only)

March 24 - Braided Rug Workshop

Polito, Senator Joan Lovely and Representative Brad Hill asking them to support libraries by adding more funding to the budget of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Thank you!
Beth Aylmer
President, Friends of the Topsfield Library

New Library Staff

The Topsfield Town Library is pleased to welcome Rebecca Crockett as the library's new Library Associate. Her first day was February 22. She comes to us from the Pelham Library where she served as the Adult Services Librarian. She has an MS in Library and Information Science from Simmons College and her main focus will be working in the Adult Services/Circulation department.

Reminder

The library is OPEN on Sundays in March 2 - 5 pm (except for Sunday March 27).

Painting Party Thursday, March 3 7-9pm, Meeting Room

Join us for a creative evening painting spring flowers. The cost for the workshop is \$30 which includes all materials (paints and canvas) and instruction. The workshop is limited to 25 people. Register online or at the library.

Topsfield Town Library Book Club Thursday, March 17

March 28 - Homework
Club (4th-6th graders
only)

March 31 - Re-Think Your
Place

7-8:30pm, Meeting Room

The Topsfield Town Library Book Club will be discussing "The Circle" by Dave Eggers. All are welcome!

Braided Rug Workshop

Thursday March 24

6:30-9pm, Meeting Room

Braided Rug Workshop. Learn the art of rug braiding, with local artisan Sally Arrigo. Registration for the workshop is required and is limited to 12 participants.

Re-think Your Plate

Thursday March 31

7-9pm, Meeting Room

Lindsay Murphy from Whole Foods Market focuses on general rules of healthy eating and how to build a healthy, balanced, plant strong meal. She'll talk about improving health through the power of food, touching on ways to increase the vegetables in the diet, healthy fats, alternatives to sugar and the importance of staying hydrated. She will also prepare a recipe for all to try. Registration required.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 19

9:30-11am, Steward School

The Friends are holding their Annual Egg Hunt Saturday, March 19th, 9:30 -11am at Steward School. Rain or shine, mud or snow, this event is

always a favorite for the young children. This free event includes crafts, face painting, a visit from the Easter Bunny and of course, hunting for eggs.

Please email Dawn Soriano at dawn.soriano@rocketmail.com with any questions or if you are interested in helping out. We hope to see you there!

Children's Room News

Early Release Craft Monday, March 7 1:30pm

Join your friends at the library to make recycled paper beads and collages. This project is limited to 4th-6th graders.

Homework Club Monday, March 14, 21 & 28 3:15-4pm

Join us for a snack and space to work on your homework. Snacks are sponsored by the Friends of the Topsfield Town Library. This event is limited to 4th-6th graders.

Best wishes,

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